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1. Prior to 21 April 1952, a Polish infantry unit of battalion strength was quartered in the only barracks installation in Ciechanow (R 53/K 76). A cavalry unit and parts of a KBW unit were in the installation prior to early April 1951. The barracks installation consisted of 5 quartering buildings, 1 headquarters building, 2 low wooden buildings and a slaughterhouse. Ten stables in the north portion of the installation area were used to store grain from state farms.¹

25X1 2. the unit belonged to the 3d Polish Infantry Regiment which was under the command of a lieutenant colonel. The location of the regiment's headquarters was unknown. Senior officer in Ciechanow was a major.²

3. As the units quartered in the barracks installation were frequently relieved, unable to determine their strength. They regularly left the barracks installation for field exercises in the vicinity of the village of Przedwojewo about 5 km northeast of Ciechanow. No heavy weapons were observed on these occasions. The soldiers wore visor-type caps with a red band with their dress uniforms.²

4. In 1951, a KBW battalion quartered in the town was transferred. It had been quartered in low wooden buildings in the south district of the town and in the barracks installation. The wooden buildings were later used as a pupils' home. It was common knowledge in town that numerous partisan raids had still taken place at some distance from the town as late as January 1952.¹

5. Prior to 1952, the military recruiting office was on the north side of Orilska ul. opposite the former KBW quarters.³

6. Since 1945, the district office of the UB was on the east side of ul. Swierzewskiego in the east district of the town.

7. Prior to April 1952, the district office of the Polish militia was on Kosciuszko square.³

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8. [] a Soviet telephone line linked Mlawa (R 51/K 58) to Ciechanow. In April 1952, three Soviet soldiers were frequently seen in the town. Their mission was unknown.⁴

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9. In the fall of 1951, a KBW unit, which had been employed on fighting partisans, was quartered in the barracks installation in Przasnysz (R 51/K 97), southeast of the center of the town, on the northeast side of the road to Makow (R 53/F 65).⁵
10. In early 1952, Polish soldiers were seen in a hutment consisting of about 15 low wooden buildings in Pomiczowek (R 53/K 81). [] there was a Polish training area not far from this place. The hutment was southwest of the village, just west of the railroad line to Modlin (R 53/K 71).
11. In September 1949, three Poles from Ciechanow were drafted for service with a KBW unit in Sokolow (R 53/F 80). They had not been discharged by April 1952. [] much partisan activity was going on in the Sokolow district.
12. A Pole was drafted to an unidentified infantry unit in Allenstein, East Prussia (R 51/E 66) in the fall of 1949. When on furlough in the winter of 1950/1951, he wore a visor-type cap with a red band and [] was attending an NCO school in Allenstein.
13. Prior to February 1952, no Polish or Soviet units were billeted in the district town of Plesk (R 53/K 53) and no military barracks buildings were available.

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1. [] Comment. Other reports indicated that this barracks installation still housed a cavalry unit in February 1951, while other quartering buildings in the south district of the town housed a KBW unit. []

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2. [] Comment. The 3d Polish Infantry Regiment belongs to the 1st Infantry Division "Tadeusz Kosciuszko" which, according to previous reports, was in Skierniewice. Components of the regiment will probably be transferred to Ciechanow after the quarters there have been evacuated. The information that the soldiers of these units wore red cap bands conflicts with numerous other reports that the soldiers of the 1st Division Kosciuszko wore yellow service colors. []

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3. [] Comment. [] the location of the recruiting office and the militia district office, until April 1952.

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4. [] Comment. This is presumably a line linking Koenigsberg (Kalinin, rad) to Warsaw.

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5. [] Comment. The information confirms the billeting of KBW units in Przasnysz from where numerous anti-partisan raids involving the KBW unit in Ciechanow were launched.

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